

WE CLAIM

1. A gynecological measuring apparatus, comprising:

a flexible portion comprising an expandable end;

a measuring portion on said flexible portion wherein

5 said measuring portion can slide along said flexible
portion; and

a valvable end on said flexible portion.

2. The measuring apparatus of claim 1 wherein said flexible

10 portion has markings representing distance.

3. The measuring apparatus of claim 1 wherein said flexible
portion is a tube.

15 3. The measuring apparatus of claim 1 wherein said
expandable end can increase in size.

4. The measuring apparatus of claim 1 wherein said valvable
end comprises a locking mechanism for locking an external
20 device in place.

5. The measuring apparatus of claim 3 wherein said valvable
end allows liquids to enter said flexible portion and
increase the size of said expandable end.

6. The measuring apparatus of claim 3 wherein said valuable end allows gases to enter said flexible portion and increase the size of said expandable end.

5 7. The measuring apparatus of claim 1 wherein said measuring portion is used to mark said flexible portion.

8. A method for measuring a length of a uterus, comprising:

inserting a flexible tube into a uterine cavity until
an end of said flexible tube is at a fundus or top of the
5 uterine cavity;

sliding a measuring portion along said flexible tube
until said measuring portion is against a cervix; and

10 determining the length of the uterus by determining a
distance along the flexible tube from said measuring
portion to the end of said flexible tube.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the determining of the
15 length of the uterus comprises obtaining a position of the
measuring portion from graduated markings of distance on
said flexible tube.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the determining of the
20 length of the uterus comprises obtaining a position of the
measuring portion from a mark made by said measuring
portion on said flexible tube.

11. A method for measuring a length of an endocervical canal, comprising:

inserting a first end of a flexible tube through said
5 endocervical canal and into a uterine cavity;

expanding said first end of said flexible tube;

withdrawing said flexible tube from said uterine
10 cavity until said expanded first end of said flexible tube
is against an end of said endocervical canal;

sliding a measuring portion along said flexible tube
until said measuring portion is against a cervix; and

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determining the length of the endocervical canal by
determining a distance along the flexible tube from the
measuring portion to the expanded end of said flexible
tube.

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12. The method of claim 11 wherein the determining of the
length of the endocervical canal comprises obtaining a
position of the measuring portion from graduated markings
of distance on said flexible tube.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the determining of the
length of the endocervical canal comprises obtaining a
position of the measuring portion from a mark made by said
5 measuring portion on said flexible tube.